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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 and 21-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-17 and 21-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 3,4,6,8 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claims 3,4,6,8,22 and 23 the mathematical expressions in these claims are indefinite since it is unclear as to what “ $\delta$ ” and “ $\Delta$ ” are, and what it means by “step discrepancy”. Noting that the claim does not recite Berlekamp Massey algorithm.

As per claims 21-23, the value of “ $t$ ” is indefinite.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1,2,4,5,7,9,10,14,15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Shen et al. (6,493,845).

Shen et al discloses in figure 3 a data processing system having a plurality of arithmetic units (104), each including at least one finite field multiplier (110-112) for performing finite field multiplication and one finite field adder (108,109,114 and 115) for performing finite field

addition, means (106, feedback paths) to use a previous finite field arithmetic calculation result of the first arithmetic unit in a current finite filed arithmetic calculation of the first arithmetic unit, and at least one finite field adder (116) for combining respective finite field arithmetic calculation results of respective current finite field arithmetic calculations of at least two of the arithmetic units as claimed.

4. Claims 1-17 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Yu et al. (7,051,267).

As per claims 1,2,4,5,7,9,10, and 21-23, Yu et al discloses in figure 6A a data processing system having a plurality of arithmetic units, each including at least one finite field multiplier (116,  $\Lambda_m$ ,  $S_m$ ) for perform finite field multiplication and at least one finite field adder (104) for performing finite field addition, means (feedback path to  $\Lambda_m$ ) to use a previous finite field arithmetic calculation result of the first arithmetic unit in a current finite filed arithmetic calculation of the first arithmetic unit, and at least one finite field adder 110,112,114) for combining respective finite field arithmetic calculation results of respective current finite field arithmetic calculations of at least two of the arithmetic units as claimed.

As per claims 3,4,6,8 and 11-13, Yu also disclose the multiplication of an error locator polynomial ( $\Lambda$ ) and a previous step discrepancy ( $\Delta_B$ ) by the multiplier ( $\Lambda_m$ ), the multiplication of a step discrepancy ( $\Delta$ ) and an auxiliary polynomial (B) by the multiplier (106), and adding multiplication results by the adder (104)

As per claims 14-17, Yu also disclose a calculation of an error evaluator polynomial (see Col. 7, lines 17-22).

5. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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